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1. The Central Obrera Boliviana (COB) did not hold a regular meeting in February until 25 February because of the fear of members of the Movimiento Nacionalista Revolucionario (MNR) that members of the Partido Comunista Boliviano (PCB) and members of the Partido Obrero Revolucionario (POR) would join forces to diminish the influence of MNR control in the COB.¹
2. The principal leaders of the POR in the COB are Edwin MOLLER and Guillermo LORA. Sergio ALMARAZ, Humberto QUESADA, and Juan SANJINES, all members of the COB, are described as Stalinist Communists. Mario GUZMAN Galarza and German BUTRON are the chief MNR leaders in the COB.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. The La Paz press indicated that the COB held its first meeting after a period of recess on 25 February 1953. The meeting, presided over by LECHIN, was described as extremely fiery. The POR faction made certain accusations against Francisco SELAEZ, leader of factory workers, and the MNR faction countered with attacks against members of the POR.

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